

# Supervisor Romaine and Councilwoman Kepert Oversee Demolition of Fire Damaged "Dirty Dozen" House in Bellport

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**Farmingville, NY** - On November 6, Supervisor Ed Romaine (right) and Councilwoman Connie Kepert (left) were present to oversee the demolition of a condemned house located at 22 Sundial Lane in Bellport. The property, which is on the Town's "Dirty Dozen" list, was first boarded up in August of 2009 and posted and condemned in June of 2012. Numerous violations dating back to October of 2009 were issued to the property owner, including property maintenance and unsafe structure. The most recent appearance tickets were issued in May of 2014 indicating that the property was completely overgrown and there were holes in the roof and walls of the house.

Supervisor Romaine said, "Abandoned and unmaintained properties are a threat to the quality of life in the community and bring down the value of all the homes in the area. Thanks to the work of our Law, Building, and Waste Management Departments, we have made this neighborhood as well as others across the Town safer places to live.

Councilwoman Kepert said, "Since 2009, my office has been working with the Waste Management and Law Departments to board and secure and remove this dilapidated home from Horizon Village, and I am elated to see this blight finally demolished. Improperly maintained eyesores, such as this house, reduce the property values and diminish the quality of life in the surrounding neighborhoods."

This is the fourth vacant house demolished as part of Supervisor Romaine's "Dirty Dozen," 12 vacant houses which have become dangerous eyesores and a detriment to the quality of life in the community. The targeted houses have received numerous violations issued by the Town's Building and Law Departments. They will be demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner. The Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and they collect the money from the property owner.

The "Dirty Dozen" listed below, includes properties from every Council District in Brookhaven Town:

1. 25 Devoe Place, Mastic
2. 33 Ashwood Drive, Shirley
3. 131 Bedford Avenue, Mastic (Demolished 10/15/14)
4. 10 Murray Lane, Coram
5. 2808 John Roe Smith Avenue, Medford
6. 1 Seacliff Avenue, Miller Place
7. 6 Frank Street, Patchogue
8. 26 Gabon Lane, Coram
9. 22 Sundial Lane, Bellport (Demolished 11/6/14)
10. 9 Middle Island Road, Yaphank
11. 5 Parnet Court in Port Jefferson Station (Demolished (10/1/14)
12. 26 Berkeley Avenue in Selden (Demolished 9/3/14)

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